

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A seat supporting file cabinet for use in a vehicle having a front cab with a seat and floor, said cabinet comprising:

~~a base, upstanding walls connected to said base, and a drawer connected to at least one of said upstanding walls, said base and walls defining an enclosure on all sides within which items can be securely stowed; and~~

~~at least one file holding component disposed within said enclosure; and~~

a base support comprising a bottom portion disposed on the front cab floor, directly underneath a front seat;

upstanding walls connected to said base support and disposed directly underneath the front seat;

said base support and said upstanding walls defining an enclosure directly underneath the front seat and including side rails slidably disposed within said enclosure;

one upstanding wall defining an opening therein into said enclosure;

a file drawer integral to said cabinet and slidably disposed in said sidewall opening, said file drawer comprising a bottom, two sides, a front access panel, a back, and an open top, said file drawer secured to said side rails and slidable between a closed position and an open position

said file drawer fully disposed in said enclosure directly underneath the front seat when in said closed position, said file drawer extending away from said enclosure in said open position;

~~wherein~~ said cabinet is disposed directly between the front cab seat and the front cab floor and is supporting the front cab seat above the front cab floor; and

~~wherein the cab seat is a front seat so that [a] an [vehicle] operator~~ said cabinet accessible to a person seated in the [a] front seat can easily access the drawer of the front cab without having to exit the vehicle.

2. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the front seat is a passenger seat disposed adjacent to ~~the~~ a vehicle operator's seat.

3. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim [1] 2 wherein said ~~drawer~~ opening of said sidewall is oriented, ~~and comprises an opening directed toward, said vehicle operator or a front passenger seat on a~~ side of the front seat between front seats of the cab, so that said file drawer slides to said open position between the seats.

4. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 ~~further~~ wherein said access panel of said file drawer comprises a small compartment for holding objects.

5. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 4, wherein said compartment is disposed on an outer ~~door~~ face of said access panel of said file drawer.

6. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the vehicle is a large commercial truck of United States Department of Transportation Class 6, 7, or 8.

7. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a first set of fasteners connecting said cabinet to the front cab floor and a second set of fasteners ~~to~~ connecting said cabinet to the front cab seat.

8. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 7 wherein said second set of fasteners connect to the front seat so that the front seat lifts away from said cabinet from one edge of ~~said upper surface of~~ said cabinet.

9. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 8 wherein ~~the top of~~ said cabinet further comprises a tabletop at a top of said cabinet.

10. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a backrest disposed on the front seat that is foldable forward and comprises a tabletop.

11. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said cabinet is integral to the front seat.

12. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 further comprising a locking component disposed on said file drawer.

13. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 12 wherein said locking component is in communication with an air brake system of the vehicle and is engageable in response to air pressure derived from an air brake system when the vehicle is moving.

14. (previously presented): The cabinet of claim 12 wherein said locking component is in communication with a vehicle component that communicates an on or off signal to said locking component, so that said locking component is engageable in response to the on or off signal from the vehicle.

15. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said file drawer comprises a plurality of fasteners to position files in said cabinet when said file drawer is closed.

16. (currently amended): A container for use in a vehicle, said container comprising:

a base support disposed within a driver compartment of said vehicle, said driver compartment including a front seat;

upstanding walls connected to said base support;

an upper surface connected to said walls;

a door disposed in said container, said container fully disposed directly underneath the front seat when in a closed position; and

a locking component disposed on said door, said locking component in communication with a vehicle component that communicates an on or off signal to said locking component, so that said locking component is engageable in response to said on or off signal from the vehicle; and

~~wherein~~ said container ~~is~~ closed on all sides so that items may be securely stowed within said container; and

~~wherein~~ said container accessible by an operator seated in the driver compartment can easily access said container without having to exit the vehicle.

17. (currently amended): A method for using a cabinet in a vehicle having a front cab with a seat and floor, comprising the steps of:

providing a base support;

connecting upstanding walls to said base support;

connecting an upper surface to the walls;

connecting a drawer to the cabinet;

disposing the cabinet between the cab seat and floor, the cabinet supporting the cab seat and fully disposing the cabinet directly underneath the cab seat;

locking the cabinet when the vehicle is turned on via a locking component in communication with a vehicle component that communicates an on or off signal to said locking component so that said locking component is engageable with an "on" signal from the vehicle; and

unlocking the cabinet when the vehicle is turned off via an unlocking component engageable with, and in communication with, an "off" signal from the vehicle;

forming an enclosure closed on all sides within the cabinet; and

securely stowing items within the cabinet; and

wherein accessing the cabinet by an operator seated in the driver compartment can
~~easily access items in the cabinet without having to exit the vehicle.~~

18. (previously presented): The method of claim 17 wherein the steps of locking and unlocking the cabinet comprise engaging and disengaging the locking and unlocking component in response to air pressure derived from an air brake system of the vehicle, the air brake system being in communication with the locking and unlocking component.

19. (Cancelled):

20. (Cancelled):

21. (currently amended): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the front cab seat is ~~the~~ a vehicle operator's seat.

22. (new): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein the front cab seat is a passenger seat.

23. (new): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said opening of said sidewall is on a front position of the front seat so that said file drawer slides to an open position at a front of the front seat.

24. (new): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said opening of said sidewall is on a side of the front seat by an exit door of the vehicle so that said file drawer slides to said open position towards and out of the vehicle door.

25. (new): The cabinet of claim 1 wherein said front opening of said sidewall is on a back position of the front seat so that said file drawer slides to said open position behind the front seat.